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Four-Week Cease-Fire In Holy Land May Become Operative On Friday

AMERICAN MISSION FOR PALESTINE

London, June 8.—Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator, proposed today that the four-week cease-fire in the Holy Land begin at 6 a.m. GMT next Friday. From that hour, the mediator proposed that all acts of armed force in Palestine should cease for the four-week period and that all commanders in the field should be notified accordingly. He asked for a reply from both Arabs and Jews not later than 12 noon GMT tomorrow.

The State Department in Washington, meanwhile, announced that seven United States naval officers who will act as observers of the Jewish-Arab truce, will leave Washington for Palestine today. The officers, members of a 21-man group of United States observers from the three services, are going in response to a request made in the last few days by Count Bernadotte, who also asked for military observers from France and Belgium to assist him.

With the Count's announcement of the start of the four-week cease-fire, the Arab League reply to the Security Council's truce proposal was drafted at a 90-minute meeting of Arab leaders at Cairo today and is expected to be delivered to Count Bernadotte tomorrow. The mediator informed the Security Council on Monday that this answer from the Arabs would be transmitted to Lake Success without delay.

The next meeting for the Security Council is set for Thursday—a few hours before the Count's cease-fire appeal is due to take effect in the Holy Land.

Earlier in the day, a Jewish official at Tel-Aviv said that the Israeli Government would take its time studying the Count's compromise arrangements in preparation for the truce.

It was indicated that Jewish military leaders are not anxious for a cease-fire, believing that they would lose military advantages now held if there were a truce.

It was believed that the Israeli Government's response to the Count's appeal would not be forthcoming until a short time before the deadline.

Count Bernadotte, meanwhile, said in Cairo today that if the conditions laid before the Arabs and Jews are accepted in time, final confirmation will be despatched to both sides not later than 6 p.m. GMT on Wednesday in order to reach the commanders of both sides in time for a coordinated cease-fire.

If the proposals are rejected or accepted only conditionally, no further consultations will be undertaken by the Count and he will then report to the Security Council for such action as that body might wish to take.—Reuter.

SECRET MISSION

Haifa, June 8.—A special representative of Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Palestine mediator, flew to Haifa from Cairo

today but declared that his mission was "secret."
The special representative, Mr. C. Shore, of Toronto, Canada, declared "I am under strict instructions from the Count not to comment." Official Jewish sources also declined comment.

A reliable Jewish source said, however, that he understood Mr. Shore was making preliminary arrangements for special military observers who would be called in if there is a truce and cease-fire in the Holy Land.

Mr. Shore is expected to return to Cairo on Wednesday.—Associated Press.

ONE BIG OBSTACLE

Lake Success, June 8.—United Nations officials said tonight the immigration issue was the one big obstacle in the Palestine cease-fire terms disclosed by Count Folke Bernadotte.

While no one would attempt to anticipate whether the Jews and Arabs would accept the terms laid down by the United Nations mediator

in Cairo, it was generally agreed here that neither of the warring parties would be entirely happy with the terms.

There was no official comment here from either Jewish or Arab representatives, pending receipt of word from their people as to the final decision.

UN officials conferred this afternoon on arrangements for putting the truce into force in the event both sides accept the deadline at 12 noon GMT on Wednesday.

IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Informed quarters said the Government of Israel probably would protest against Count Bernadotte's proposal that the mediator use his own discretion regarding admission of Jewish immigrants of military age to Israel during the four-week truce period.

Israeli representatives previously had argued here that they would accept no immigration restrictions. On the other hand, Arab representatives have argued that all Jewish immigration should be stopped during the armistice period.

Some quarters expressed fears that either one or the other party might accept with reservations. In this event, Count Bernadotte said, he would drop his consultations with Jewish and Arab leaders.

He told them that if they rejected the cease-fire or accepted it with conditions, he would refer the entire matter back to the Security Council. "It is my earnest hope," he said, "that the decision will be accepted unconditionally."—Associated Press.

PREPARING REPLIES

Cairo, June 8.—Arab officials in Cairo and Zionist authorities in Tel-Aviv worked today on replies due tomorrow to Count Folke Bernadotte's proposals for the starting time and terms of a four-week truce in the Holy Land.

The only clue to the Arab attitude came from Fawzi Mukli Pasha, Trans-Jordan Foreign Minister. Leaving the Cairo meeting of diplomats and military advisers representing seven Arab countries, he told reporters: "We believe the truce should not give any party any advantage whatsoever during its period."

(Count Bernadotte, Swedish United Nations mediator, promised in his proposals to abide by this principle.)

Having learned the tendency of the meeting, Mukli Pasha said he would leave for Amman by plane at 11 a.m. (GMT) to report to his Government.

Saeed Dine Sabour Bey, Egyptian Chief Military Adviser to King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan, the Arab Commander-in-Chief, spent fifteen minutes with the Arab conferees.

At Lake Success Israel was reported to have informed the United Nations yesterday that it was prepared to segregate immigrants of military age entering Palestine during the armistice.—Associated Press.

SOVIET SUICIDE

Bad Salzungen, Germany, June 8.—A verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed, was returned here today at an inquest on a Russian major who shot himself.

The Russians refused to let any Soviet witnesses attend the British-conducted inquest.
The Russian, Major Ivan Bogdanov, aged 46, was attached to the Soviet military mission here. He was found shot dead with a pistol beside him in his quarters on June 1.—Associated Press.

CLUBHOUSE BLOWN UP

Los Angeles, June 8.—A shattering explosion today blew the roof off the fashionable Hillcrest Country Club, a favorite gathering place of film notables.

Fire enveloped the clubhouse and police said they were unable to estimate the casualties.

Workmen had been installing a new gas line to the clubhouse.

Five members of the club's staff were injured. An earlier report that an ambulance driver picked up two bodies had proved to be false, police said.

The club's manager estimated the damage at \$175,000.—Associated Press.

Vietnam Government No "Puppet"

Saigon, June 8.—General Nguyen Van Xuan, head of the new provisional Central Government of Vietnam, stated today that he wanted to prove that the new Government was not a puppet but able to govern the country.

Outlining the policy of the Government in an interview with Reuter, General Xuan said: "I want my Government to be mainly a technical one, which means that I do not intend to do much political but more administrative work."

"The first step would be to set up Vietnamese schools to train lawyers and Army and Navy officers as quickly as possible, to organize justice for Vietnamese affairs and to reform the fiscal code," he added.

General Xuan signed the agreement with M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner in Saigon, in which it was stated that a further agreement with France on diplomatic, military, financial and economic affairs would be signed later.

"Agreements on all these questions may take a long time," he said today. "However, the military question is the easiest and is almost settled."

PROSPECTS OF NAVY

"I have already asked the French to send a military mission to Vietnam to carry out what was agreed on between us. With France's help, we may soon have a Navy."

Earlier Paper Tomorrow

Tomorrow, the King's Birthday, the Hongkong Telegraph will be published earlier than usual. The paper will be on sale in the streets at 11.30 a.m. There will be no 3 o'clock edition.

Speaking of the defence of Vietnam, General Xuan said: "The French and Vietnamese must know that today international interests are often more primary than national interests."

In reply to a question about a Union of South-East Asia, he said: "This union must be foreseen and it is necessary to put our resources into a common pool."

North and South Vietnam received without enthusiasm the Franco-Vietnam agreement on Vietnam's independence, signed on Saturday on board a French warship off Indo-China.

The newspaper *Populaire* declared, in a headline today: "The Vietnamese people received the news with indifference."

The newspaper *Union Francaise* wrote: "The Bay of Along agreement was received rather coolly... The agreement has value if it is capable of bringing about an immediate peace."

The signatures in the Bay of Along change nothing in the military situation in the country. Some Vietnamese said that while the world "independence" was used for the first time in this connection, the limits of Vietnamese independence was not fixed since the main questions—diplomacy and financial—were left to be settled later.

The entourage of Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam, said he attended Saturday's ceremony only as an "observer." They said it was not an agreement, but only a joint declaration by General Xuan and M. Bollaert, and the ex-Emperor's signature did not commit him beyond that.—Reuter.

25,000 Aliens To Be Drafted Into American Army

EVENTUAL CITIZENSHIP

Washington, June 8.—The United States Senate draft bill was amended today to allow 25,000 aliens to serve in American armed forces here and abroad. The proposal was introduced by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, jr., Massachusetts Republican, and approved 43-33. The vote cut across Party lines.

Opponents of the plan said it would subject the U.S. to foreign criticism. Senator Lodge agreed Russia may not like his plan and added in effect: so what?

Chairman, Chan Gurney, South Dakota Republican, of the Senate Armed Services Committee which worked up the draft bill being studied by the Senate said: "Many people feel that such a move would subject our nation to

the criticism that our own people are not willing to bear arms in the defence of the nation."

Senator S. L. Holland, Florida Democrat, said they would not form a "foreign legion" but would be spread through the Army.

He said the aliens would cut down the number of Americans that would have to be drafted. Each alien so enlisted would mean one less American induction.

Senator Lodge said he felt sure there were thousands of anti-Communist Poles, Czechs and others who would jump at the chance of serving in the American Army.

Ship Sinking Near Foochow

San Francisco, June 8.—The Globe Wireless reported today that it had intercepted an SOS from a river steamer named Tai Kong, saying that the vessel had struck a rock and was sinking in the Min River near Foochow.

"Need immediate help," the vessel said, according to the distress message heard by Globe Wireless Manila station.—United Press.

Originally his plan called for 50,000 aliens. They would have served only abroad. Today, he decided to leave it up to the Army where they would serve.

The Senate, meeting tonight in an attempt to complete the draft measure, voted to limit the proposed peacetime draft to two years. The original measure would have specified five years. A draft bill awaiting House action would specify two years.—Associated Press.

BIG CREDIT FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, June 8.—A group of American banks will advance Japan \$500,000,000 to buy 800,000 bales of raw cotton, General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.

This is the first credit to be negotiated under the occupied Japan export-import revolving fund, and its approval clears the way for agreements for shipment of other raw materials financed by the fund from other countries and in currencies other than dollars.

It was stipulated that the imports must be used to produce sufficient export goods to balance the cost of the raw materials in the currencies of the countries where they were purchased.—Reuter.

Cabinet Backs Bidault

Paris, June 8.—The French Cabinet today officially endorsed the six-power policy on Western Germany set out in the recommendations of the London Conference disclosed yesterday. These recommendations have aroused bitter criticism from the Gaullists and Communists, who fear a German military revival.

What is expected to be a difficult and stormy debate in the French Parliament will take place on Friday, when the Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, will ask the Chamber to back the Government. M. Abelin, the Government spokesman, made it clear that the agreement did not formally constitute a treaty, which must be submitted to the Assembly before ratification by the President of the Republic.

The Assembly, he said, would be asked to vote on a resolution expressing confidence. Lobby sources said this was not a vote of confidence in the usual sense, but its practical result was the same: an anti-Government vote would cause a Cabinet crisis.

In Berlin, the first of the Soviet-licensed newspapers to comment on the London agreement was the *Nacht Express*, which said the recommendations were designed "to tear up Germany for all time."

Der Abend, which is American-licensed, described the decisions as a compromise about us but without us, adding: "We must regard it as evil because it creates a 'rump Germany' and a 'rump Germany' can only be transitory."

Berliners today queued to pay in money and open new accounts in anticipation of a currency reform.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Rehabilitation Of Japan

THE Johnston Report which suggests basic requirements for Japan's rehabilitation will probably send an angry rush of blood to the heads of Chinese university students who have convinced themselves that the United States intends to build Japan into a great nation again, at the expense and to the disadvantage of China. But emotional students are not the only people who may see cause for alarm concerning some of the features of the report. American textile manufacturers, for example, are certain to resent, and to resist, the proposition that Japanese cotton textiles, manufactured from American raw cotton, be sold in the American market. The Johnston Committee argues that any such arrangement could do no harm to the United States as production costs are bound to be less than those in the United States, and if profits are to be controlled, (a declared SOAP policy) it is difficult to visualize how Japanese products can do other than undercut American manufacturers. The point is of considerable importance because the key to Japan's recovery as a self-supporting nation is said to be the resuscitation of her textile industry. Like Britain,

Japan must export or die. She has not got to get herself out of the American poorhouse and free herself of a liability to the American taxpayer amounting at present to \$400,000,000 a year. This is one consideration about the rehabilitation of Japan which offers a degree of justification to the Johnston Report. But there are many other angles and corners of the report which create doubts concerning the wisdom of quickly restoring Japan to a position of importance in the commercial world. It is hard to avoid the feeling that the Johnston recommendations, if given effect, mean that Japan pays practically nothing for waging and losing a ruthless and destructive war, but, in fact, becomes a beneficiary. The Johnston Report only pays a fleeting glance at the subject of a peace treaty with Japan, and airily dismisses the question of reparations as though it had little or no meaning to the devastated countries of the Pacific. The ultimate economic recovery of Japan is an admitted necessity as part of the economic equilibrium of the Far East, but doubt arises whether this should be accomplished wholly at the expense of the Allied powers and in such haste as to make Japan once again a serious competitor in the world of trade while countries like Britain are still struggling to find world markets. The Johnston Report is essentially an American conception of the Japanese problem, in some respect reasonable and well-intentioned; but it ignores third party interests and is just a little too facile a solution of a problem which affects millions more than the 80 millions living in the Japanese islands.



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By VERA WINSTON

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TRIANGLE LADIES IN STYLE

By HELEN FOLLETT

STYLISH ladies resemble triangles. This year's fashions strive for that effect. The girl of '48 is wide across the shoulders; cultivates a bosom with all her might and main; if Nature has not provided her with a becoming facade, Fullness of skirts make hips appear larger, and so does the attenuated waist that is being cultivated as assiduously as it was in the Nineties.

With a more hip expansion, the fashionable shape doesn't look top-heavy as it did with skimpy skirts and short fur jackets. New lines make for a more pleasing silhouette. Wide shoulders are aided and abetted by full sleeves, the waist accented with neat belts.

Athletic Girls

Athletic girls who have gone in for exercise and have developed the muscular figure minus the smaller waistline, will find consolation in the corset departments of stores. New foundations are interesting. Not enough women give sufficient thought when making a selection. More should heed the wise words of the corsetiere who knows precisely how to play up good points; compress and camouflage poor ones.

We suggest this exercise for figure remodelling if the waist measurement would be diminished. Hands clasped at the chest, feet together; lift on the toes, then squat, sending the knees far apart. Up on the toes to first position and repeat.

An excellent exercise known as the flutter kick, recommended for slenderizing the waist. Lie on your back on the floor, arch the back, lifting arms, shoulders, head and thighs away from the floor as high as you can. The legs should be straight and close together. Kick the right leg downward and the left leg upward at the same time.

'LULLABEDS' FOR BEDTIME

"THAT is a very nice apron you are wearing," remarked the Chef.

"Oh, it's just a simple red-and-white checked apron I made."

"But it is very becoming," he went on, "very good for the figure."

"You mean it makes me look slim? Thank you. That's because I made it princess style. And see! The straps come way down to the waist in back so they don't drag on the back of my neck. And there are two pockets; one for a pot holder and one for my note book."

"And may I ask what Madame is cooking in this kitchen?"

"I'm working out some ideas for lullabeds."

"Lullabeds? What are those?" exclaimed the Chef.

Warm Drinks

"It's just my own home for warm drinks to sip before bed-time. Many persons who have an early dinner need something just before retiring."

"Hot milk and honey is very good," said the Chef.

"Excellent," I agreed, "and so is hot orange egg nog. This is good for anyone who also needs a little easily digested food—especially when building up. It's really delicious, and so easy to prepare. Just thoroughly heat ¾ of a cup of orange juice in a double-boiler; and add 1 teaspoon honey. Meanwhile beat an egg light. Stir in the orange juice and drink at once."

"Sounds very good. And I see you also have the tea pot on the stove."

"Yes, that's another lullabed—it's hop tea."

"You mean—hot tea?"

"No, I mean hop tea." I poured out a little for him to sample.

"It tastes somewhat bitter," he commented.

Hop Drink

"Yes, it's made from dried hops. You may get them from the drug-gist. The tea is made by pouring a pint of boiling water over a tablespoon of dried hops; then steeping for 5 minutes. If you don't like the bitter taste, add a little lemon juice and sugar."

"Tell me Madame, what do you advise for people who like to eat a little snack before retiring; maybe a ham or cheese sandwich, or the drum stick of the chicken. And perhaps a cut of pie and coffee?"

"Oh yes, I know the 'ice-box' raiders. For then I would suggest a nice apple, or a pear or orange, or any kind of fresh or stewed fruit. And for those who are sensitive to coffee, and say it keeps them from sleeping, I'd suggest a cup of soluble decaffeinated coffee, made half and half with milk."

DINNER

Citrus Fruit Cup
Mustard Grilled Frankfurters in Rolls

Brown Beans

Vegetable Salad Mayonnaise
Raisin Rice Moulds Top Cream
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
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Citrus Fruit Cup

Use a blend of three well chilled citrus fruits, oranges, tangerines and grape fruit. Peel and cut into neat segments with a sharp knife and arrange in wide glass sherberts or deep sauce dishes. To serve, pour over chilled canned or fresh orange, tangerine or grape fruit juice, or a blend of citrus juices. If canned, pour the juices from one utensil to another to freshen the flavour. This makes lots of difference. Try it.

Mustard Grilled Frankfurters

Select skinless frankfurters, allowing 2 for each person. Brush lightly with table mustard. Melt a little margarine or savoury meat fat in a heavy frying pan and pan-fry

slowly, turning occasionally until the frankfurters are light brown and very hot. Meantime hollow out long rolls and heat in the oven. (Save the crumbs to use in an escallop or pudding.) Place a frankfurter in the hollow of each roll, spread with a little pickle relish and serve.

Brown Beans

Wash and rinse 1 lb. kidney or pinto beans. Put in a good sized sauce pan and pour in 2 qts. boiling water. Let stand 50 min. Then add 1 ½ tsp. salt and simmer 2 hrs. or until the beans are tender and the liquid is almost evaporated. During the last part of the cooking better set the sauce pan on an asbestos mat. Add 1 tsp. bacon, sausage or ham drippings, ¼ c. very light molasses, ¼ c. brown corn syrup and 3 tsp. vinegar. Simmer 15 min. so the flavours will be absorbed. Nice not only with frankfurters but with sausage, or meat balls made of pork and veal.

Raisin Rice Moulds

Into a double boiler top measure 1 c. brown rice. Add 2 tsp. honey or sugar, ½ tsp. salt and ½ c. water and 2 c. any kind fruit juice, except grape fruit juice. Bring to boiling point. Boil 5 min. then place over hot water. Stir in ½ c. raisins, cover and cook 40 min. in the double-boiler. Serve hot with light cream; or mould and serve cold. To do this pack the rice into custard cups first rinsed in cold water. Chill, unmould, and serve with light cream or sweetened whipped cream.

TRICK OF THE CHEF

To make a tasty dressing for a tossed vegetable salad that will make mayonnaise go farther and taste more interesting, add to ½ c. mayonnaise, 2 tsp. wine vinegar and ¼ tsp. powdered mixed herbs, tarragon or basil.

Summer Care of the Hands



Cathy O'Donnell, of the movies, believes in your 'round use of a good cream or lotion to keep hands soft and smooth.

By HELEN FOLLETT

LIPSTICKS of lighter shades than have been used for a long time are being displayed on cosmetic counters. The same thing, of course, has happened to nail polish. There must be a colour companionship between them. Finger nails once more have white centres and show the half moons at the bases. That's nice. But did we hear some member of the class say too much trouble? Nothing is too much trouble in the grand and glorious cause of pulchritude.

It often happens that hands are neglected in the silly season. But they should not be. They need soothing lotions just the same. They need a brisk massage with cream once a week. And how about attractive clippers who are making gardens? Are they going to behave as usual, forget to wear their garden gloves? Always it is the same. They intend to practise hand protection, seldom do.

Girls in their late twenties whose hands are inclined to be thin should use nourishing creams freely, together with massage, in order to prevent the unlovely scrawiness that would otherwise develop in the late thirties or early forties. Slender hands, of course, are beautiful, but excessively thin ones.

Perspiring hands are a common curse. They are evidence of a nervous condition that can be corrected only by health measures—more rest, more outdoor exercise, longer hours of sleep, tranquillity of mind. There are preparations to be had that do away with the trouble for the time being. They should be applied before attending social affairs, shaking hands.

Deterrents that are used in the attempts will prove effective but the liquid ones may have to be diluted; cream and powder offerings can be used freely.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Funny Way to Write Poetry

—Everyone Added a Couple of Lines—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, started walking down the road, singing at the top of their voices. For it was a beautiful day, with not a cloud in the sky, and the fresh new leaves on the oak and the elm shining under the sun as though they had just been painted.

"Oh, what a day! In the month of May—" sang Knarf and Hanid as they marched along.

Just then, they met a squirrel, sitting on his haunches under an oak tree. He nodded a pleasant good-morning. "Where are you going and what are you singing?" he asked them.

Singing a Song

"We're just going for a walk down this road and we're singing a song," said Knarf and Hanid. "All we know of the song is the first two lines."

"Oh, what a day! In the month of May—" said the squirrel, "so I'll walk along with you and we'll all sing!" Then they walked along—Knarf, Hanid and the squirrel, singing:

"Oh, what a day! In the month of May, The sun doth shine; The world is fine; The rabbit leaps; The pussy cat sleeps; The bluebells ring; The green frogs sing—"

And then, suddenly, almost at the end of the road, they all remembered the last two lines, and sang out with all their might the whole lovely, joyful, merry song:

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MAGIC CUP

(Continued from Yesterday)

While you are telling your story, have someone bring in a glass of water. You can then tell your audience that you are going to give everyone a drink from the magic cup.

Having set the cup and saucer on the top of a desk or some other high place, examine the water as if you wished to make sure that the contents are all right, then pour the liquid very slowly into the smaller division of the cup. Of course it will run out into the saucer.

If you wish, the saucer, too, may have a hole in it. Then, if it is set on top of a tall jar with a folded cloth in the bottom to deaden the sound of the liquid, you can make the trick still more mystifying by pouring the entire contents of the large pot into the cup.

When the water has run out and the cup has no liquid in it, take up the cup and suddenly fling the contents toward the audience, showering everyone, not with the water, but with the candy, confetti or paper—whatever has been packed into the other side.

HIP TIP

Measure the hips with a tape measure and fit the slip accordingly. Slips properly fitted at the hips will never shift or sag.

Rupert's Island Adventure—7



At length the work is finished and the fine, round shelter is built. "You've worked harder than we have," he says politely, "won't you go in and try it first? There's only room for two." "Oh, no," says Rupert. "You go in first." So Rupert and Willie crawl in and sit down. "It's grand! It's just like a tent," cries Rupert. "But Willie is still uneasy. 'Why are the forest so friendly?' he murmurs. 'I've never known them like this!'"

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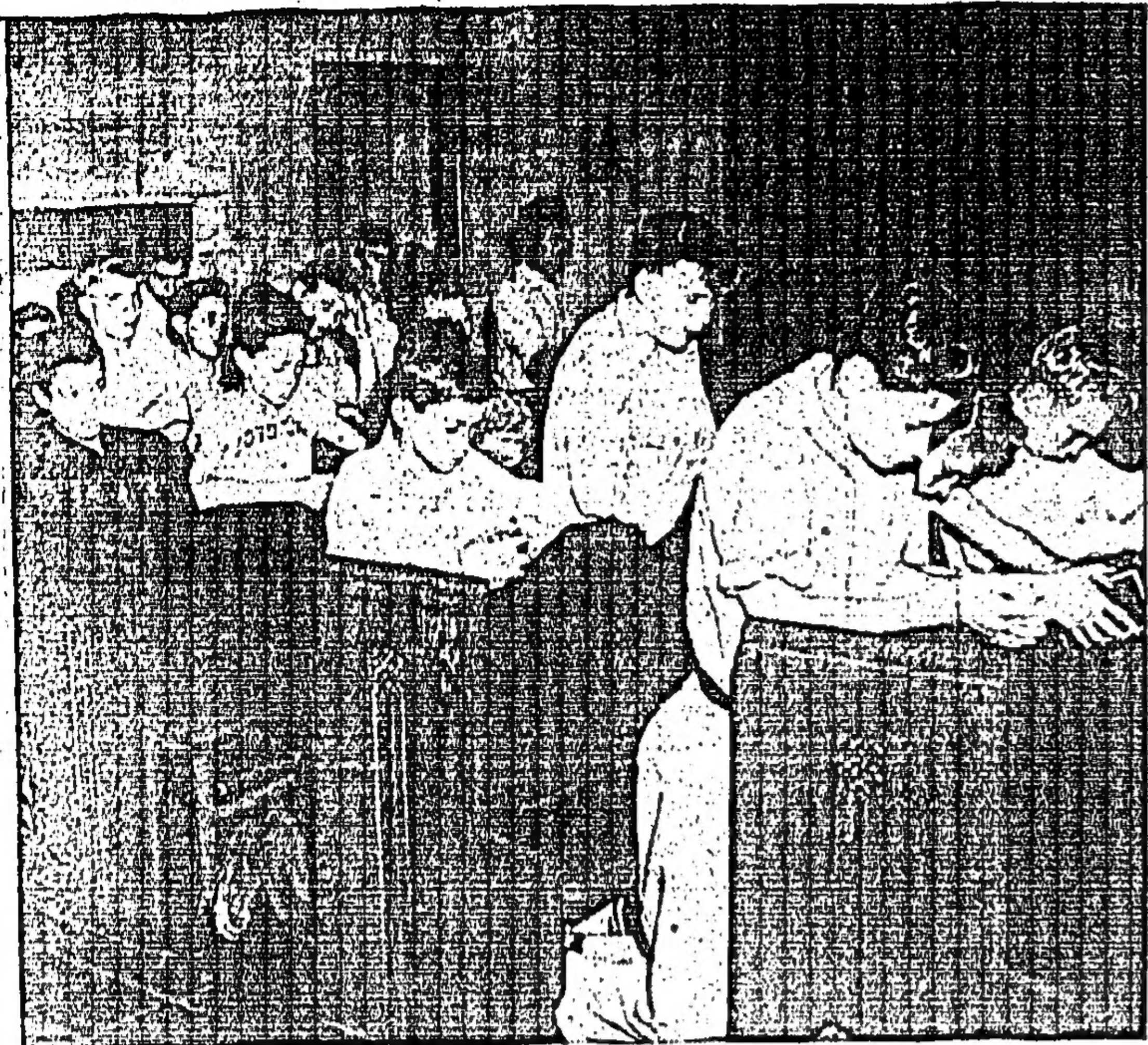
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By Fred Harman



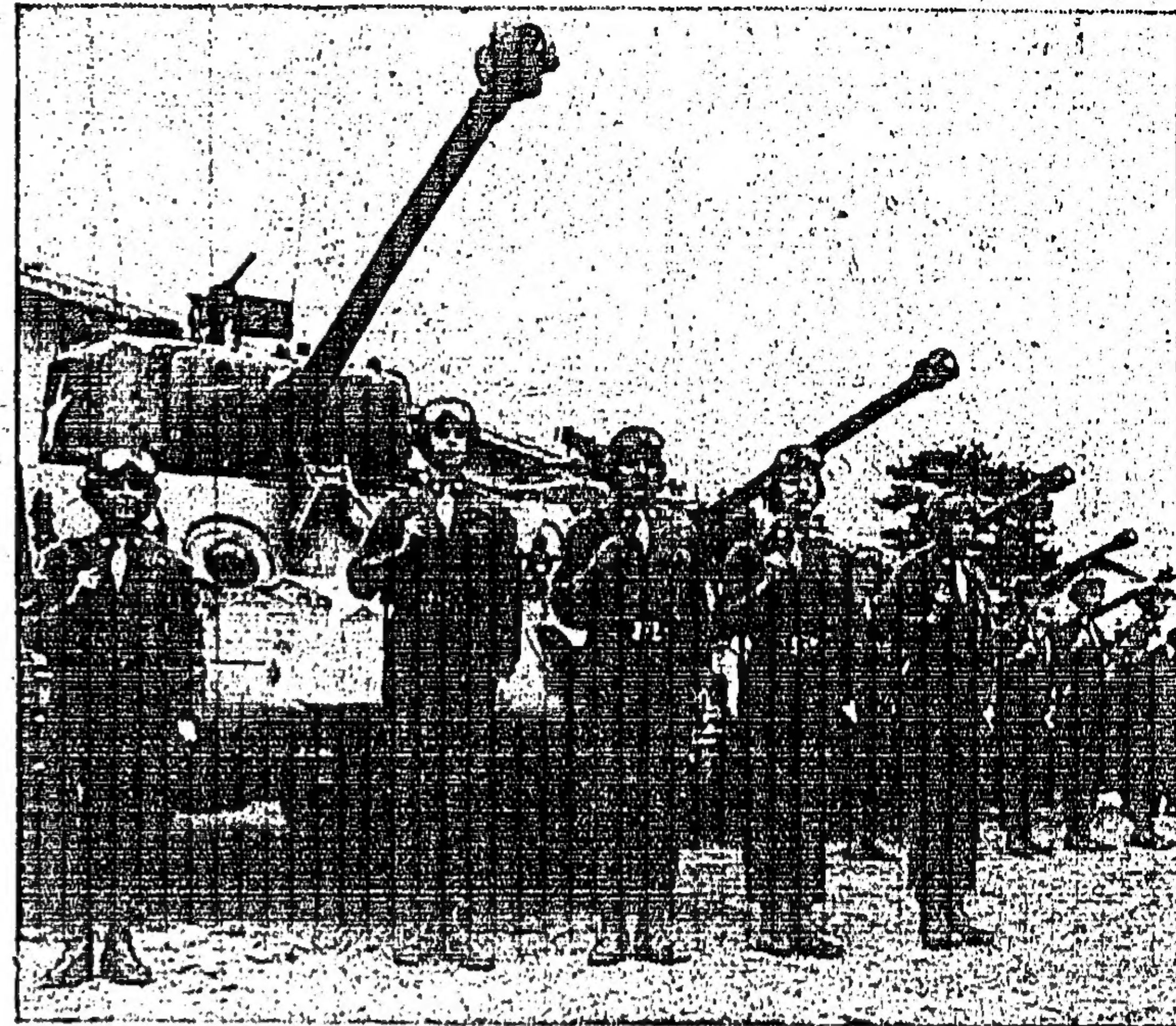
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MOURN FATHER FLANAGAN—Grief-stricken boys of Boys Town, where Father Flanagan was headmaster, bow their heads in prayer for the well-known Catholic priest. The director of the boys' school died from a heart attack in Germany while inspecting youth organisations in Europe.



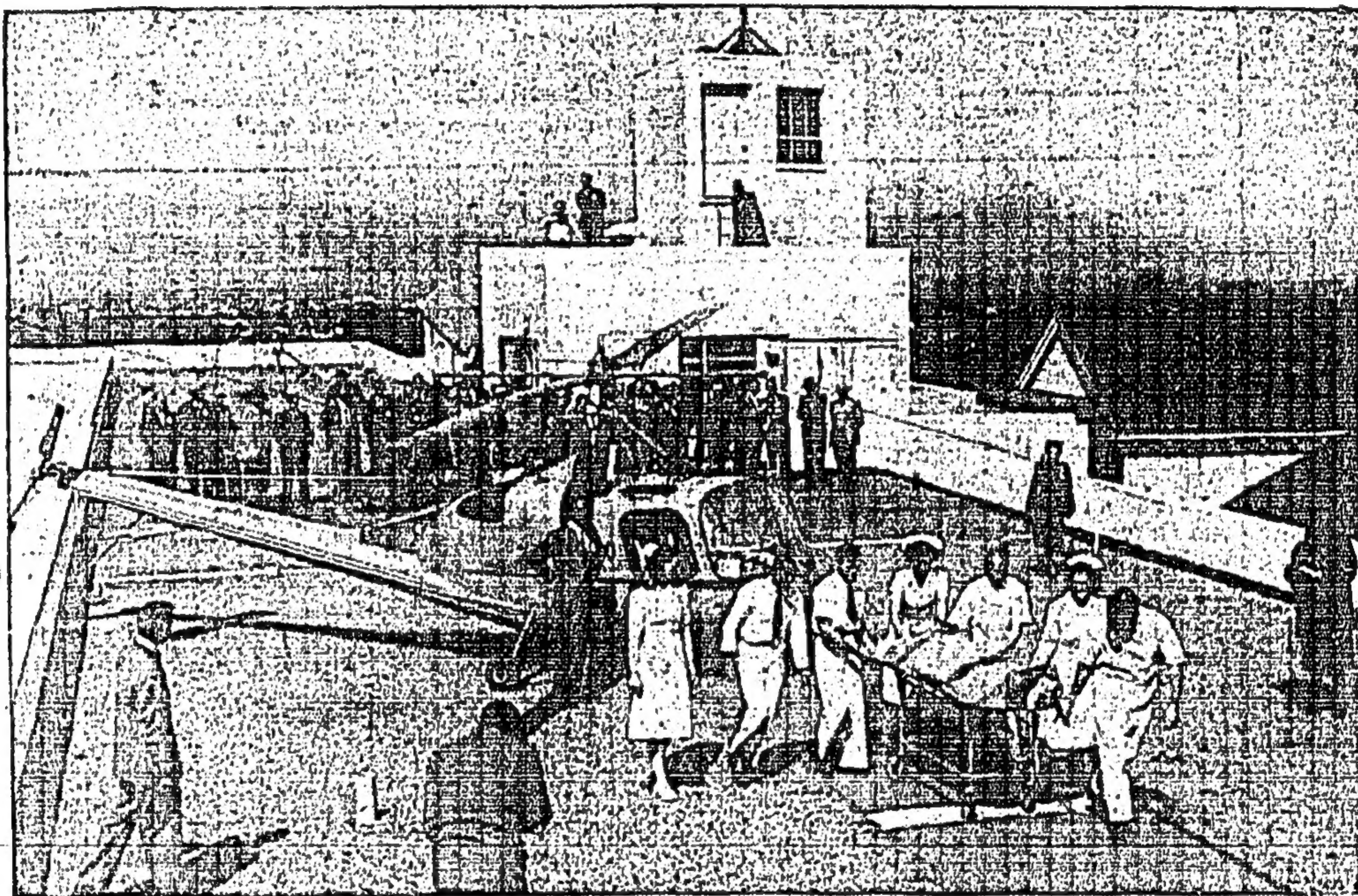
VIEWING HIS OWN WORK—Sculptor Jacob Epstein studies his bronze, called "The Visitation," which was part of the exhibition of sculpture recently displayed in London's Battersea Park. The exhibition was held to revive the art of sculpture.



U.S. STRENGTH IN TRIESTE—A tank platoon of the U.S. garrison in Trieste stands ready for inspection beside its M-4 tanks. Two tank platoons form the heaviest U.S. defence weapons there, despite Communist claims that the Allies are building heavy defences along the border.



REPRESENTATIVE—Francoise Morin of Rennes receives the symbol of her sovereignty as Duchess Anne, "queen in wooden shoes," from Simone Clecquel of Binc, in the Cotes du Nord. Each year Bretons in Paris elect from among their prettiest girls the one who will represent the historic Duchess Anne, who ruled Brittany in the Middle Ages. Simone was last year's queen.



ONE HOP TO THE HOSPITAL—No screaming sirens and no wild plunge through traffic accompanied this "patient's" trip to the hospital. The ambulance-of-the-air merely picked up the "casualty" at Palo Alto (California) airport and settled him smoothly on the roof of this hospital in Berkeley, where attendants sped him to an emergency ward. The operation was a demonstration of the feasibility of a future helicopter ambulance service for hunters and skiers.



IT'S A "TIGLON"—Mrs Joe Sloan of Salt Lake City feeds a rare "tiglon," offspring of a lion and tiger. It is believed to be the first such hybrid born in America. The cub has the head of a lion and the striped body of a tiger.

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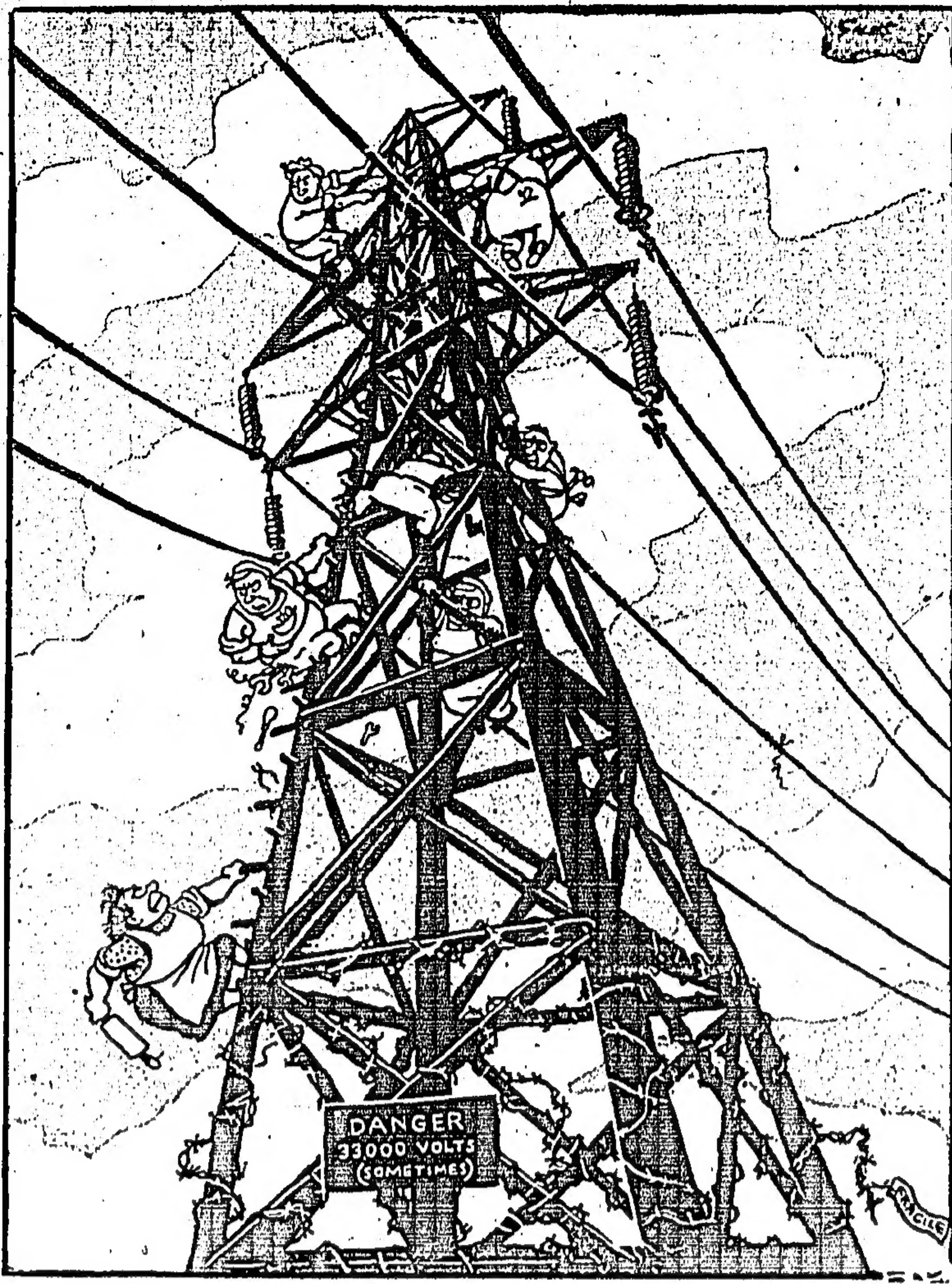
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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

IN a world that appears to change every five minutes, it is a relief to find at least one thing which remains the same.

I refer to the lofty contempt of the leader writer of the National Funny Morning Newspaper for everything which does not exactly agree with the policy of the National Funny, whatever that may be.

Except that he does not yell at us in black type to emphasise his points any more, he is still in either a muck sweat of indignation at some little matter hardly noticed by silly people like us, or in a cold rage at the imbecility of statesmen who always appear to be too busy with world affairs to take any notice of him.

As a keen student of his work for many years, I always know if he is in a hot or cold mood.

In a muck sweat, he refers, with savage sarcasm, to his imaginary enemies as "these gentry," by which he means they are a lot of council school ends.

In a cold rage, he refers to their "pitiful incompetence" and to their carefully chosen words, written or spoken, as "jargon," by which he means he could do the job better himself.

Still maintaining his 1935 form, when he was lashing out at everybody but Mussolini (who won his approval for running Italian trains on time), when he was shouting in black type that Halle Selassie, Lion of Judah, would not be admitted to a decent English golf club, he has now turned his withering scorn on the Government Economic Survey for 1948.

Although it seemed a well-written effort to a simple chap like me, it got the National Funny's leader writer into one of his cold rages.

"It has arrived," he sneered. "It has too many words, too few ideas. It is vague, pompous, and packed with jargon."

So different, of course, from the leading articles in the National Funny Morning Newspaper.

Lottie's case book

AT the suggestion of a reader I have collected a few of the leading articles in the National Funny Morning Newspaper.

My claws are getting blunt through lack of use. The young couple I am living with object strongly when I try to sharpen my claws on their new utility furniture or even on the legs of the kitchen table.

What do you advise?—Timid Tom.

I advise you to snap out of this slavish attitude of mind at once. Who are they to object to their rubbishy furniture being scratched? If they make any more fuss, wait till they are out of the house and tear the stuffing out of it. And smash a few ornaments for good measure.

As for the legs of the kitchen table, you have all night to make your mark on those, I presume?

Don't let me hear from you again until you have established your rights and the place is in ruins.

Owing to an unfortunate occurrence over which I had no control, my society is not acceptable to the she cats of my neighbourhood.

Although considered good looking, with a fine figure, she cats spit at me when I pass, while their boy friends jeer. As I am of a sociable disposition and would welcome female companionship and young society... I find this ostracism hard to bear.

Apart from having a passable appearance, I am also well-mannered, am not too old, and feel I could give a girl a good time in a restricted way. Do you know of any simple games that would interest the modern she cat?

Almost a Gentleman.

I am afraid yours is a case which is becoming far too common and while offering you my sympathy, I must insist that you will not allow yourself to get too morbid about your loneliness.

I often wonder why cats like you don't form local clubs and socials and organise mouse hunts and games with ping-pong balls. Surely this is better than sitting by the fire and dreaming of what might have been?

If you did this, I feel confident the she cats of your neighbourhood would have more respect for you and might even admire your gallant acceptance of a cruel fate.

I do not know of any simple games likely to interest the modern she cat. Nor do I think your good manners and gentlemanly appearance are likely to get you anywhere.

If you must have young companionship, why not get in with a good family of kittens and play simple games with them before they grow up?

Diary of a worm

FLUSHED, elated worm arrives home late after session with optimistic, ostrich worms in low taverns. Worm says witty ostrich

The first girl typists in Britain

by SIDNEY RODIN

HEADS shook in scandalised disapproval one morning in Whitehall in the year 1888 when two women, severely dressed in dark blue skirts, black stockings, and white blouses edged with high, stiff collars and long celluloid cuffs, walked timidly into the Inland Revenue Department.

They were the first two "Lady Typewriters" employed by the Government, and among the first score engaged in offices anywhere in Britain.

Segregated

Civil Service scribes who feared the female invasion might cut off their livelihood as copperplate writers hated them.

Higher executives imagined they would "contaminate" the men and took rigorous steps to segregate them.

They were shut apart in a little room and their work fed to them through a hatch.

When they went for their pay they were escorted down the corridors by one male messenger in front and another behind.

Yet a few months later Sir Algernon West, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, exclaimed:—

"These typewriting women quite beat me two to one in writing. They can even turn a letter from the third to the



A typist of 40 years ago

first person... Moreover, they are cheap and there is no supervision."

When the Typewriter Trades' Federation met in London recently to celebrate its silver jubilee, it was reported that more than 600,000 women earn their living by typing in Britain today.

And whereas the first machines were kept under lock and key, to be used only for experiment by the heads of firms—it was said "they can never develop a soul to express the courtesies and ideas of business"—there are now 1,250,000 in use in Britain.

It was an English engineer, Henry Mill, who patented the original typewriter in 1714. A man in Manchester made them for the blind in 1850.

But it was an American named Remington who put on the market the first commercial machine in 1876.

'Wages of sin'

The keyboard has never changed since then, although experts agree its rearrangement would make the typist's work much easier.

Yet in most other respects the needs of women were the prime consideration. For typewriters brought them into offices in hundreds.

Floral decorations appeared on early machines to please them. Typing tables with curly iron legs were produced to attract them.

In 1889 they were advised in "Practical Typewriting" how to straighten type with pliers, and how to make "tasty" covering from a yard and a half of brown cotton flannel.

They were recommended to exercise with dumbbells as an antidote for too much sedentary labour.

For typewriting exercise they were told to type "The wages of sin is death" and "Clean hands and a sound conscience."

By 1915, the British Government employed 600 girl typists. Now it has 35,000. They can dress as they like provided there is "not too much glamour and no excessive make-up."

though the Treasury's woman supervisor of the Government's 48 typing schools said: "We would express surprise at slacks."

Women won

Women quickly proved faster than men at typing. Mr. J. C. Hemes, president of the International Typing Contest, said: "For ten years before this last war a woman always won."

Britain's outstanding typist was Miss Eleanor Mitchell, world champion for five successive years. Today she is Mrs. Green of Preston, Lancs, with a family.

Comments Mr. Arthur Pteeman, managing director of Imperial Typewriters: "One in every four typists gets married today."

Postwar girls, typists are judged by the experts to have fallen to a lower level of efficiency. Psychologists detect these faults:

Neglect of punctuation—irresponsibility; striking wrong neighbouring keys—no sense of detail; irregular abbreviation—lack of discretion; missing spaces—no clear thinking; extra spaces—fear, nervousness; letters jumbled—excitability; striking right letters over the top of wrong ones instead of erasing—desire to cover up weaknesses in the easiest way.

But the Typewriter Trades' Federation is less concerned with poor typing than with the news that Burma, now independent, may order from Britain the first typewriters ever made with a Burmese keyboard.

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Ingenious Theft Of Water

FARMER TAPS CATCHMENT

An ingenious method of stealing water during the drought season—diverting it from the catchwater along Shingmoon Reservoir to a site several hundred yards away—was adopted by a farmer to irrigate his paddy fields in Sang Tsin Village near Tsunwan.

The man dug a hole on the bed of the catchwater and utilised part of a concrete pipe underneath it to lead the water into a small trench which eventually drained the water into the paddy field. The thief also adopted a clever camouflage to prevent detection of the trench. In digging the hole however, the offender caused damage to the catchwater to the value of about \$240.

The foreman of the waterworks, Chan Iee, first noticed the hole in the dry weather channel along the catchwater on May 31. He suspected nothing and thought it was a hole in the ground. He plugged the hole with an improvised stopper. When he returned to carry out his routine inspection two days later he found the stopper removed and he then reported his suspicion to Mr G. D. Wodgar, an inspector of the Waterworks.

WHAT INSPECTOR FOUND

Mr Wodgar carried out an inspection and found that the hole had been dug some distance from the reservoir. The catchwater, he added, was about six miles long. A close examination revealed that a nine-inch concrete pipe laid under the catchwater to relieve the pressure of the water during rainy days, had also been damaged. A hole had also been dug in the catchwater to drain the water from the dry weather channel down the pipe. He then traced the flow of the water and found that at the end of the pipe there was an earthen channel, partly camouflaged, which had been newly constructed on the hillside to lead the water about a quarter of a mile to some paddy field. He then reported his discovery to the Police.

Inspector F. Roberts visited the scene on June 4 and found the channel to the paddy field belonging to a farmer named Sun Sang, who was arrested and charged before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today with two counts of altering the waterworks and taking water other than through a main and meter.

DEFENDANT'S DENIAL

Denying the allegation, Chan told the Court that though the paddy fields belonged to him, he had rented them out to a farmer on the condition that he was to share the yield. He said he had no knowledge of any illegal alteration of the course of the catchwater.

Holding that Chan was guilty, in that he was sharing the profit of the field and so sharing the benefit of the water, Mr Latimer imposed a fine of \$250 on each of the two counts. He remarked that the penalty, which was based on the pre-war scale, was insufficient to meet cases of this nature and recommended that the maximum be raised by legislation.

POSSESSION CLAIM

Court Reserves Its Decision

A claim for possession of the first floor premises of No. 59, Kiang Street, and mesne profits from December, 1947, to March, 1948, amounting to \$250 being rent at \$65 per month, was heard by the acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams in the Summary Court this morning.

The action was brought by Hung Kai, landlord, represented by Mr C. A. S. Russ, against the occupiers of the premises.

Mr Russ said the premises were let in October, 1945, to Wong Shing, who lived with his wife, their child and a baby amah. Sometime later Wong died and the widow sub-let the floor. Two months afterwards she left the premises, and Mr Russ said that as the servant had not been receiving any wages, she re-compensated herself by letting out the premises to the present occupiers. If that were true, he submitted that under the Ordinance neither the widow nor the servant had any title to the premises. He understood one of the occupiers paid the servant \$1,000 for the tenancy.

PREMISES SUB-LET

Yip Sum, one of the five tenants on the premises, said he rented the cockloft from Wong Shing himself in October, 1945, at \$20 per month. He and Chau Chi (a woman tenant) became Wong's tenants at the same time. Wong died in October, 1946, and his widow rented the rest of the premises to the other three tenants. Mr Williams ruled that Yip Sum and Chau Chi, who obtained their lease from Wong, were protected tenants and were therefore entitled to continue to live on the premises. As regards the other three tenants, who obtained their tenancy from the widow, his Lordship said their case was a little different and he reserved judgment as to whether they could look into their legal position.

Claim For Damages Fails

Judgment with costs for defendants was given by the acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams in the Summary Court this morning in a claim brought by Ng Ki-yuk, partner of the Chan Kwong Kee Firm, of 210, Queen's Road Central, against the Chan Kwong Kee Firm for \$1,000 damages sustained as a result of defendants' wrongful removal of a shelf at that address.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr C. A. S. Russ and Mr P. C. Woo appeared for defendants. Following arguments by Mr Russ and Mr Woo on the question of whether plaintiff, who held the chop of the defendant firm, could sue or take action against the firm, Mr Justice Williams ruled that plaintiff could not do so under his own name.

The Chief Justice also disallowed an application by Mr Russ to amend a technical error in the writ of summons, as he held that in the present case both parties being legally represented, it could not be said that the writ was not properly drawn up.

Referring to the wrongful removal of the shelf, Mr Justice Williams said he could not see anything wrong in putting the shelf away. Defendants were not required under the tenancy agreement to keep the showcase on the premises.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE

Lorry Drops 30 Ft: Driver Unhurt

A motor lorry driver Kwok Si-yee, 35, had a remarkable escape from death yesterday when he was involved in an accident in which the lorry fell over an embankment in a private road above Wongnei-chung Gap, dropping down some 30 feet off the road; yet he escaped without a single scratch.

However, Kwok was charged before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for driving without due care and attention.

Sub-insp. Si Wai-ming said at about 1 p.m. yesterday defendant was driving lorry 5560 on a private road above Wongnei-chung Gap Road. The road was 13 feet wide and as defendant reversed the vehicle, and drove down the road, the front wheel went off the road and the whole vehicle overturned and rolled down the embankment and into Wongnei-chung Gap Road. The lorry was badly smashed up, but defendant escaped without injuries.

When coming down the road, defendant put the lorry in third gear instead of first gear.

Defendant was fined \$100.

Letters To The Editor

Correspondent Corrects Himself

Sir—I shall be obliged if you will kindly rectify two mistakes which appeared in my letter to you under the caption Debtor-Creditor Bill in your issue of today. (1) Instead of intricate pre-war problem I should have written post-war. (2) I suggest to your new correspondent that the Government should be made to pay for the time the Government took to find out a solution viz. two months and a half! should have been two years and a half!

FAIRPLAY.

A. New Pen-Name

Sir—I noticed yesterday you published a letter from a correspondent dealing with the question of the Debtor and Creditor Ordinance. It was signed "Fairplay." I had already written several letters to the local press on the same subject and had adopted the pen-name "Fairplay." I wish to make it clear to you, Sir, and your readers that I am not the "Fairplay" of yesterday's letter in your columns. I suggest to your new correspondent that we both cease using that pen-name so that there will be no confusion created in the minds of your readers through the inadvertent use by two persons of the same pen-name. I will sign all future correspondence on this subject with the name "PERMANENT RESIDENT."

Phone Booth Too Small



Guy N. "Tiny" Cherry, 640-pound cowboy disc jockey, who got stuck in a phone booth in Hollywood, was released by a policeman who had to remove the door. (AP).

Kennedy Road Closed

Last night's thunder storm dislodged a boulder from the hillside weighing several tons and it finished up in the middle of Kennedy Road, about 300 yards from the junction of Kennedy Road and Queen's Road East.

As a result Kennedy Road has become closed to traffic and it was officially announced this morning that the road would not be reopened before tomorrow.

GOLD BARS CONFISCATED

Gold bars and coins to the value of \$25,650 were ordered to be confiscated by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when a Chinese doctor, Lui Ah-siu, 54, was charged with importing gold by the ss Tjibadak without a permit yesterday. Defendant was also fined \$10.

Revenue Officer Humphreys said that at 10.45 a.m. yesterday a party of Revenue Officers were on duty on board the Tjibadak. During a routine search, a boarding house runner was seen making through the gangway with a brief case. The man was stopped by a Chinese Revenue Officer and nine gold bars and seven gold coins, total weighing 71.4 tael, were found. The brief case was brought back to the captain's cabin, and defendant came in and claimed to be the owner of the gold, but failed to disclose the exact amount of bars and coins.

RO Humphreys added that the man evidently was not the actual owner of the gold.

SOAK THE RICH PLAN FAILS

Shanghai, June 9.—Unless there is a last-minute rush of donations, the "voluntary" scheme introduced by the City authorities for the collection of a special relief levy (otherwise known as the "soak the rich" tax) will prove a complete failure.

Up to late last night, not a single wealthy Chinese has followed the example of Mayor K. C. Wu in making a substantial contribution to the fund of CN\$500,000,000. The voluntary scheme ends tomorrow, and if there is no eleven-hour flood of donations, the authorities are expected to adopt compulsory measures.—Reuter.

Debtor-Creditor Bill: Chinese Chamber Of Commerce Statement

The following statement was issued this morning by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce concerning the Debtor-Creditor Bill.

A Petition was forwarded to Government suggesting the formation of a Judicial Commission to examine the legal basis of the proposed Debtor and Creditor Ordinance with due regard to the principles of Municipal and International Law, and that the same or another Commission be appointed to examine and investigate ways and means for satisfying any losses incurred by the Creditor Banks as an incident of war, in the event that it is subsequently impossible, under the Peace Treaties to be concluded by His Majesty's Government and the Japanese Government, for the Creditor Banks to recover their losses incurred by them during the Occupation Period as an incident of war.

Anti-Semitic Clashes In North Africa

Paris, June 8.—Forty-four Jews have been killed and 65 wounded in anti-Semitic clashes in French North Africa during the past 24 hours, according to reports reaching here tonight.

In the first clash, at Oudjda, on the border of Algeria and Morocco yesterday, five were killed and 30 wounded, the Paris newspaper France Solr reported from Rabat, Morocco.

When news of this incident reached Dejerada, a mining centre some 40 miles from Oudjda, a second clash occurred, causing the death of 30 with 25 injured.

Earlier, the French Press Agency had quoted these figures for casualties in Oudjda. The agency reported that troops in tanks assisted the police in quelling the Oudjda disturbance, which began when an Arab was wounded in a knife attack, first thought to have been made by a Jewish shoemaker.

The Arabs later said his assailant was a fellow Moslem. Shops owned by both Jews and Arabs were looted and set on fire.

Only half the town's workers were back at their jobs this morning. In Dejerada, calm was restored this afternoon after a squadron of fighter planes had demonstrated over the town. Feeling had been running high lately, the reports said. The Arabs had alleged the clandestine departure of young Jews for Palestine.—Reuter.

Pirates Board River Junk

Canton, June 9.—Two persons were killed when pirates attacked a two junk near Bocca Tigris, at the mouth of the Pearl River, according to a Chinese report here.

The report said that the pirates disguised themselves as Customs officers and boarded the junk. They killed two employees of the shipping company which owns the junk. Their bodies were thrown overboard. The guards aboard the junk were disarmed.

After boarding the junk, the vessel was towed away by the patrol motor boat. All goods and passengers' luggage aboard were taken away by the men.

Another Chinese report said that 15 men raked the Shipo railway station, 20 miles east of Canton, and got away with CN\$100,000. A member of the railway staff, who attempted to raise the alarm is said to have been stabbed with a dagger.—Reuter.

Assaulted Police Sergeant

Charged with assaulting Police Sergeant 809 and using abusive and insulting language, Tee Fat, 32, coolie, was sentenced to six months and recommended for banishment by Mr d'Almada at the Central this morning.

The case was previously adjourned for defendant to call his witnesses, but this morning defendant said they had returned to the country.

In sentencing defendant, Mr d'Almada said: Interfering with something which has nothing to do with you shows only one thing. You are an agitator.

PC 850 said he arrested a hawk for selling water chestnuts at Cornmouth Road Central near Sincere Company yesterday morning. A crowd gathered and while he was holding the hawk, defendant came from behind and grabbed hold of him (witnesses). As a result, the hawk escaped. He struggled with defendant and he arrested him.

Defendant said he did not grab hold of the constable. He had a pot of rice on the ground and when he went to pick it up, he was arrested.

WOMAN SPY EXECUTED

Paris, June 8.—Genevieve Danell, Gestapo spy, was executed today. She was the first woman to face a firing squad in liberated France. An accomplice, Roger Calame, was executed with her.

The woman was convicted of betraying hundreds of members of resistance forces under the German occupation. The prosecution said that she helped to torture her victims.

She faintly for half an hour when notified she would be shot today. Calame had feigned insanity since his arrest. He grew a beard, wore a bath robe and claimed to have invented a revolutionary new turbine engine.

He announced before the firing squad, "I pretended to be crazy to save myself. It is over now. The comedy is of no further use."—Associated Press.

Wage Increases Refused

London, June 8.—British engineering employers today rejected demands for wage increases made by 37 trade unions representing 2,750,000 factory and shipyard workers.

The claim, the largest since the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, announced his wage stabilisation policy to curb inflation, asked for a 13-weekly increase for men, guaranteeing a skilled man a weekly wage pay packet of £5 15s. and an unskilled man £5.

Many of the trade unions concerned refused, at the recent Trades Union Congress, to abide by the wage-pegging decisions of the Labour Government.

The unions will consider the rejection of their claim on Thursday.—Reuter.

Novel Idea For British Pubs

London, June 8.—There is no reason why pubs should not have decent gardens where bands could play and where the teetotaler could come in and have his cup of tea, Mr Will Nally, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, said today.

Mr Nally said that unfortunately the planner "is either regarded as a young gentleman with a beard, in gray corduroys and scarlet shirt, or as an old gentleman in a stiff collar, cutting his ears off and spats."

He said the Ministry was anxious to encourage experiments which would give people "a sense of freshness and brightness."—United Press.

Flood's Big Toll

Ankara, June 8.—A heavy death toll is feared in the North Turkey floods.

The latest fatality roll from Amasya showed that 92 persons have died, and the list is expected to rise.

The death toll at Boyabat is expected to be even higher.—United Press.

PROTEST REJECTED

Bangkok, June 8.—The Siam Government today rejected a Chinese protest against the closure of a number of Chinese schools in Siam for the alleged violation of regulations. The Chinese protest, lodged with the Siam Foreign Office last month, claimed that the Siam action constituted a violation of the Sino-Siam treaty.—Reuter.

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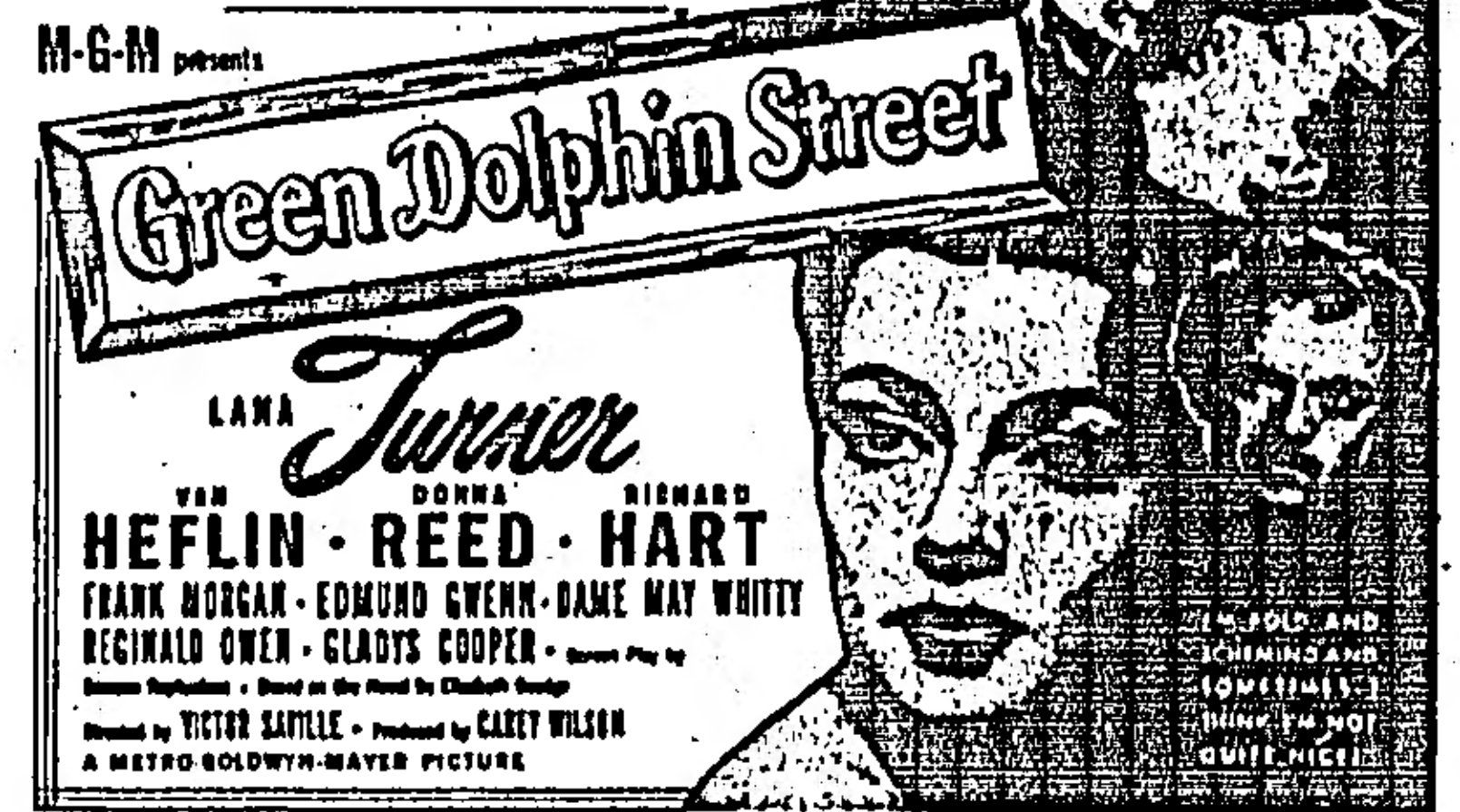
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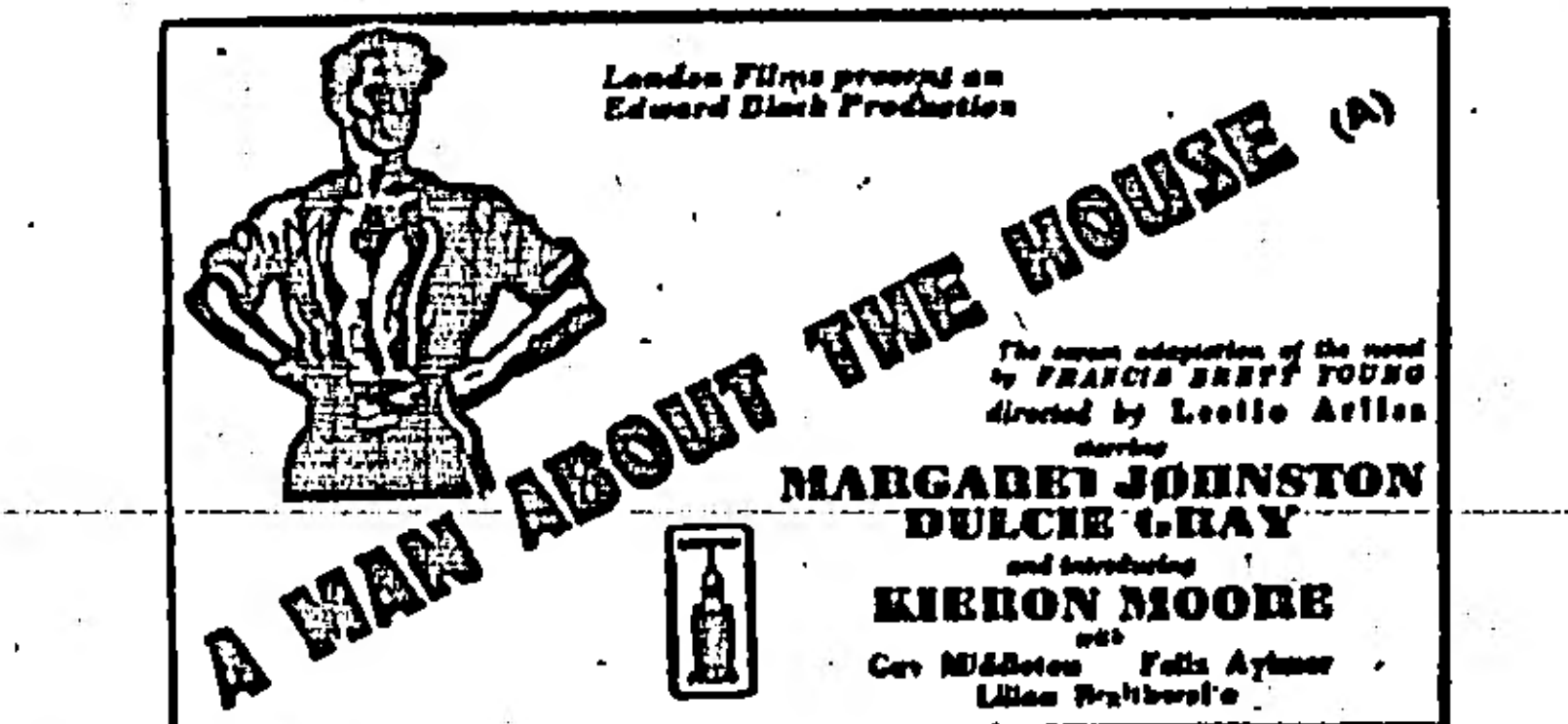
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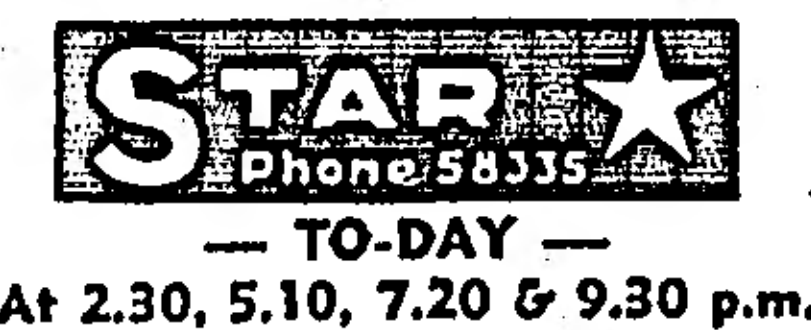


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The report said a "special plane" which made the "previous attempt" over Amne Machin will be used again, this time, taking off from Canton. The CATC executive underlined the fact that even if the Academia Sinica requested the airline to make another flight over the mountain range, it would not be done. "We don't have any planes to spare," Capt. Chin said.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET

MIDDLESEX IN FIRST DEFEAT OF THE SEASON

Hutton, Yardley And Wardle Carry Yorks To Victory

London, June 8.—While 26-year-old Ray Lindwall of Australia, the world's fastest bowler since Harold Larwood, was working up to full speed at Hove in time for the first Test, England's ace batsmen Denis Compton and Bill Edrich broke down on the tricky Lords wicket, playing for Middlesex against Yorkshire.

The famous "twins" could muster only three between them in their second innings.

However, there was some consolation for England supporters in the fact that it was two other England players, Len Hutton (133) and Norman Yardley (90) who helped to pave the way for Yorkshire's innings victory—and the champion country's first defeat of the season.

On a wearing wicket the Yorkshire spinners, Wardle (left arm) and Robinson (right arm) pressed home the advantage in no uncertain manner. In the match Robinson claimed nine wickets for 91 while Wardle took eight for 105. The former champions certainly showed a form reminiscent of their heyday before the war.

With the defeat of Middlesex, no side among the 17 in the championship can boast of an unbeaten record.

Derbyshire consolidated their lead in the table with an exciting 11 runs victory over Somerset after each side looked to be on top. The thrills began when Somerset needed five for the first innings lead with the last pair in. They succeeded by one run and thus gained their first points of the season.

SPLENDID FIELDING

The splendid Derbyshire fielding which backed up the good bowling played a big part in their fifth win of the season, which gave them a 10 points lead over their nearest rivals, Warwickshire.

Warwickshire jumped ahead of Middlesex as a result of their seven wickets win over Leicestershire—their fourth so far—in a match in which bowlers held the upper hand throughout.

The New Zealand pace man, Tom Pritchard, who has been largely responsible for Warwick's excellent position, gave yet another fine display, claiming 11 wickets and finishing in grand style with a hat-trick—his first for the county.

Accurate left arm spin bowling by W. Roberts and Malcolm Hilton enabled Lancashire to defeat Nottinghamshire and gain their first championship success of the season.

Nineteen-year-old Hilton, who jumped into the cricket limelight by twice dismissing Don Bradman recently, and Roberts shot Nottingham out for 45 in their first innings—the season's lowest total in county cricket.

Roberts took four wickets for seven runs and finished with a match analysis of 9 for 46. Hilton numbered England players Harold Sturt and Simpson among his victims during the match in which he took seven wickets at a cost of 12 runs each. Many experts feel that with more experience Hilton will develop into an England bowler and a worthy successor to the late Hedley Verity.

THE SCORES

Close of play results in county matches were:
At Hove: Surrey beat Essex by four wickets. Essex 271 and 351 for four declared (Dodd's 104, Horsfall not out 128, Pearce not out 54), Surrey 469 and 155 for six (Parker 53).

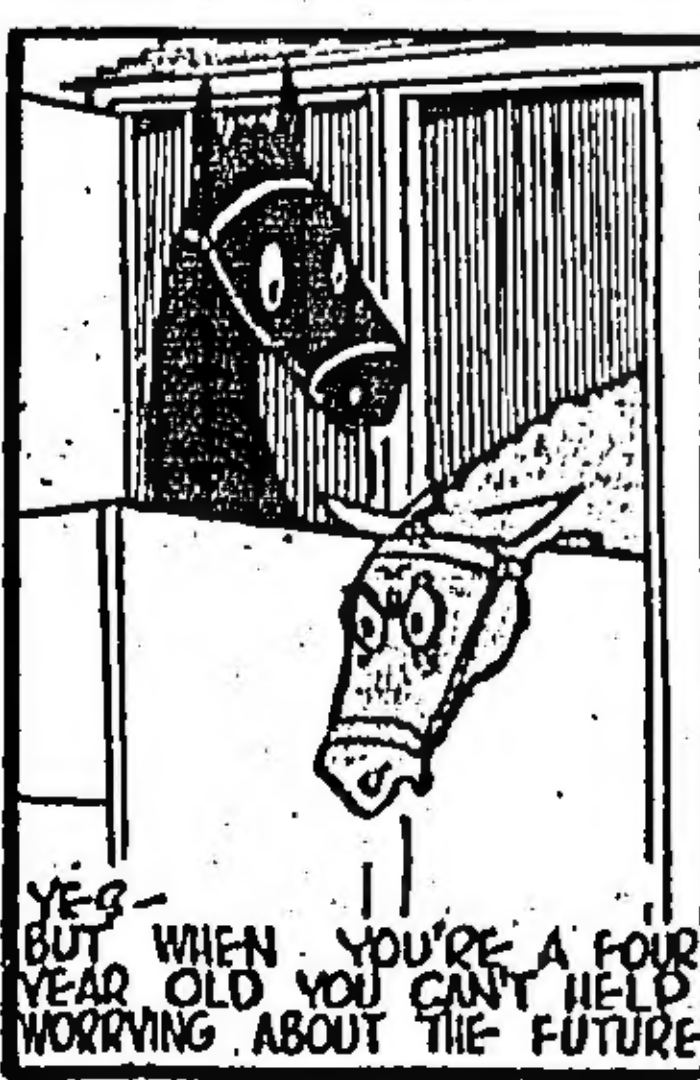
At Gloucester: Hampshire beat Gloucestershire by 137 runs. Hampshire 258 and 107 (Herman not out 53, Barnett five for 41), Gloucestershire 114 and 174 (Bailley four for 32).

At Lords: Yorkshire beat Middlesex by an innings and 80 runs. Yorkshire 392, Middlesex 180 and 120.

At Gravesend: Glamorgan beat Kent by an innings and 63 runs. Glamorgan 484, Kent 101 and 290.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Leicestershire by seven wickets. Leicestershire 73 and 112, Warwickshire 144 and 24 for three.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University beat the Free Foresters by ten wickets. Free Foresters 117 and 301 (G.O. Allen 180), Cambridge University 412 for five declared and 7 for no wickets.—Reuter.



YES—WHEN YOU'RE A FOUR YEAR OLD YOU CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT THE FUTURE

TENNIS LEAGUE

HKCC Lead Mixed Doubles Division

Defeating Kowloon Cricket Club by 5½ sets to 3½ at Chater Road yesterday, the Hongkong Cricket Club took the lead in the Mixed Doubles Division of the Hongkong Tennis League with two straight victories.

Top pair honours were, however, evenly shared by Mrs Dow and L. Goldman (HKCC) and Miss Ward and Kenneth Lo (KCC) who won two sets apiece and drew with each other.

Results were:
Hongkong Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club 5½-3½.
Mrs Dow and L. Goldman (HKCC): beat Mrs Lo and E. C. Fincher 6-2; drew with Miss Ward and K. Lo 6-0; beat Miss Runjahn and Baker 6-0.
Mrs Jones and B. T. M. Jones (HKCC): beat Mrs Lo and Fincher 6-2; lost to Miss Ward and Lo 4-6; beat Miss Runjahn and Baker 6-4.
Mrs Slater and A. T. Dow (HKCC): lost to Mrs Lo and Fincher 5-7; lost to Miss Ward and Lo 1-6; beat Miss Runjahn and Baker 6-4.

RECREIO BEATEN

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club beat Club de Recreio by 7-2.

Mrs Litton and Lee Yue-wing (CHC): beat Miss M. Silva and G. P. Goncalves 6-0; beat Miss M. Figueredo and J. J. Remedios 7-5; beat Miss L. Souza and M. A. Oliveira 6-1.
Mrs Lo Hui-yee and Tsai Wai-pui (CHC): beat Miss Silva and Goncalves 6-3; beat Miss Figueredo and Remedios 6-2; beat Miss Souza and Oliveira 6-2.
Miss R. Lo and Ho Kau-lau (CHC): lost to Miss Silva and Goncalves 3-6; lost to Miss Figueredo and Remedios 1-6; beat Miss Souza and Oliveira 6-3.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Sets	F	A	Pts
HKCC	2	2	0	0	13½	4½	4	4
KCC	1	1	0	0	7	2	2	2
LRC	1	1	0	0	6½	2½	2	2
KCC	2	0	2	0	6	12	0	0
Recreio	2	0	2	0	3	15	0	0

CHESS

Barnett Wins Again In Colony Championship

Dounaef Beats Karel Weiss

K. M. A. Barnett won his third straight game and took a 1½-point lead over F. X. Sequeira, who has a game in hand, when he beat P. K. Prokopov at the Peninsula Hotel last night in the eighth round of the Colony Open Chess Championship final.

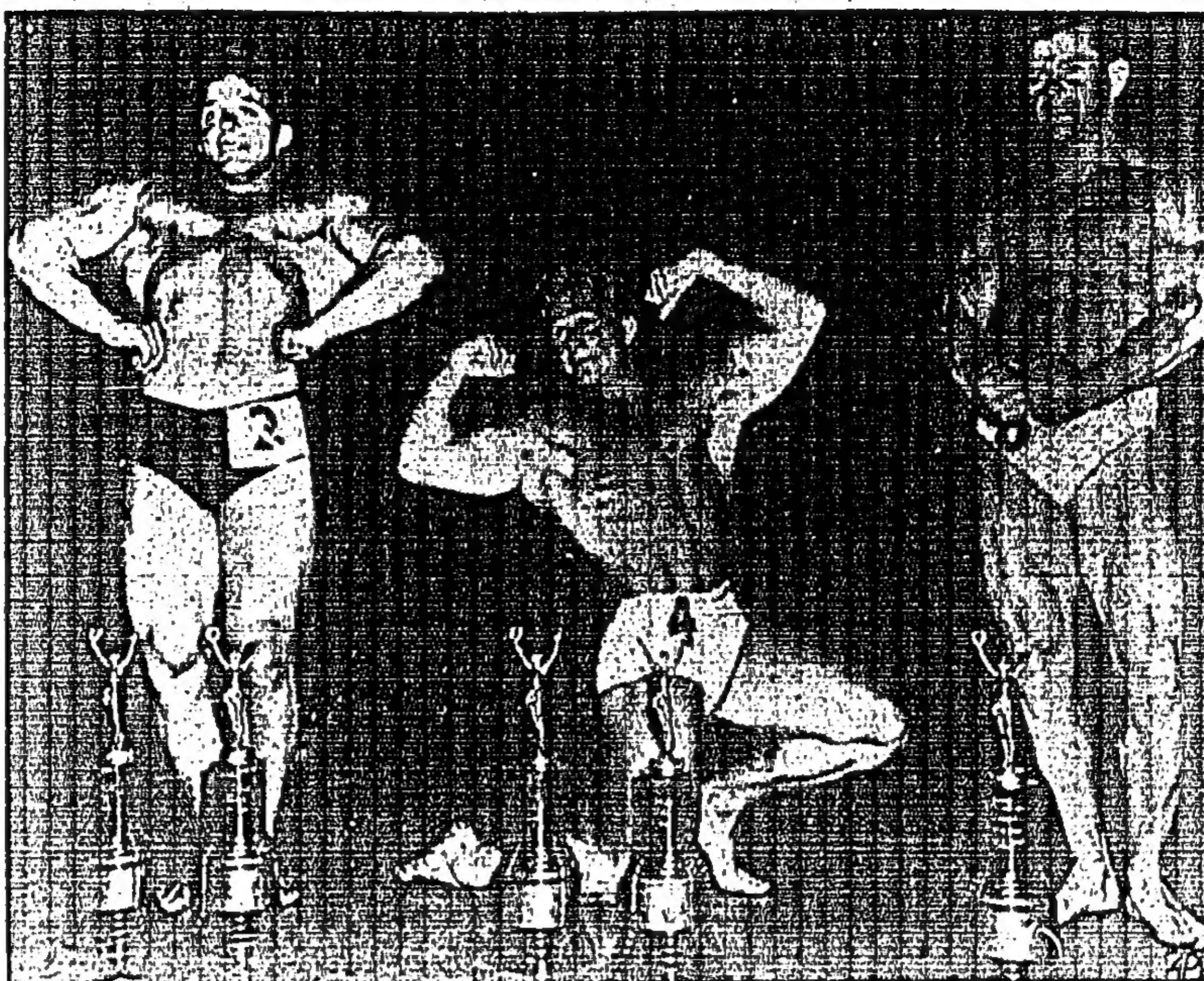
L. Schure came back to form to beat Ray Danenberg in the only other game played and entrenched himself strongly in third place. Barnett early doubled one of Prokopov's pawns in a largely positional Scotch Game that developed into pure attrition, Barnett picking up a material advantage in the exchanges to win in 42 moves.

WEISS LOSES

Both games in the Colony Championship gave way in interest to the Reserve Tournament encounter between V. N. Dounaef and Karel Weiss which saw the Kowloon Chess Club's Premier Reserves Champion come back to form after a series of four straight defeats in a convincing victory over Weiss.

There was no bad slip-up involved. Weiss tried to outdo Dounaef, noted for his irregular openings, by throwing up all his king's side pawns within a half-dozen moves.
It looked at one stage as though Weiss had developed an attack that would win easily but the middle game developed into a wide open struggle with passed pawns all over the board.
Dounaef played nicely in concentrating all his hopes on two connected passed pawns on queen's and queen's bishop's file, to stop which Weiss had finally to sacrifice a bishop.

THEY ARE TOPS IN MUSCLE MEN



These three muscle men won torso honours in a warmup for the Mr America competition in Los Angeles.
George Elferman (left), Santa Monica, Calif., won the best arms and chest division. John Delinger (centre), Oakland, Calif., had the best legs and back, and Elias Rodriguez (right), San Francisco, was named most muscular.—AP Wirephoto.

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE OWNERS ADMIT ERRORS —IN ONE OUT OF 100 DEALS

By MILTON RICHMAN

New York, May 30.—(UP)—Big league club owners make mistakes in three out of every 100 player deals, but they'll admit an error in only one out of 100 cases.

Let's examine some of the trades for example like the one Pittsburgh made when it peddled Third Baseman Bob Elliott to the Boston Braves.

After eight seasons with the Pirates, the 31-year-old Elliott moved to Boston last season, batted .317, hit 22 homers, drove in 113 runs and wound up the National League's most valuable player.

Do the Pirates admit they made a mistake in transferring Elliott?

Not on your weekly withholding tax they don't. As a matter of fact, they are very well satisfied with third baseman Frank Gustine, who hit .20 points less than Elliott in 1947, and if Gustine needs help, they point out, there's always Eddie Boekman, a .258 hitter with Cleveland last season.

TRADED TO DETROIT

Then there's the case of George Kell, who was traded to Detroit by the Philadelphia Athletics in May of 1946.

"Kell just didn't fit into our plans," said one Philadelphia official.
The stocky third sacker, however, fits nicely into Detroit's plans, and while the Tigers boast that they own the best hot corner guard in the American League, the Athletics cast about desperately for somebody who can play that position.

Manager Eddie Dyer of the St. Louis Cardinals once expressed himself as "ticked" over the deal which brought him outfielder Ron Northey and sent outfielder Harry (the hat) Walker to the Phillies. The fact that Walker led the National League in hitting last season with a .363 percentage and that Northey hit only .288 failed to face Dyer—on the surface, at least.

BRAVES THRILLED

The Phillies, on the other hand, aren't apologizing about their release of First Baseman Frank McCormick who caught on with the Braves and proceeded to hit .333 in 96 games. The Braves were thrilled over McCormick's acquisition but the Philadelphia management was sure it hadn't made a mistake. To prove it, they shelled out about \$50,000 for a "real" first baseman like Howie Schultz, who batted an unrealistic .223.

It was the same in 1945 when the Yankees dramatically dealt slender Hank Borowy to the Chicago Cubs in mid-season, only to watch the Bloomfield, N.J., right-hander pace the National League's to a pennant.

Larry MacPhail, Yankee proxy then, stoutly defended the transaction with such claims as "that guy can't win after July," and "it was for the good of the club."

GOOD FOR CHICAGO

It certainly was for the good of the club—the Chicago Club.

But hold on for a minute. A club owner will admit a mistake once in every six unassisted trips plays.

Brooklyn's branch Rickey admitted that he missed both the boat and the second baseman when he sent Eddie Stanky to the Braves.

FOOTBALL

All-Time Record Football Gate

London, June 8.—More than forty million spectators attended League soccer matches in Britain last season, according to a statement made today by Mr W. Cuff, the Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Football League here.

This figure was an all-time record and exceeded the previous best season by nearly 5,000,000.

By a unanimous vote, the League decided to ban the televising of all matches in which League clubs take part with the exception of the FA Cup final and international.

The meeting increased the match fee of League referees by one guinea to five guineas.—Reuter.

SWEDES TO PLAY IN AMERICA

Stockholm, June 8.—Twenty-four Swedish football players today flew on a special plane to New York, where they will play the Liverpool and other teams.—Associated Press.

Chicago Loses Seventh In Row

New York, June 8.—Vernon Bickford hurled a four-hitter against Chicago today while his mates pounded Johnny Schmitz and three successors for a one-sided Boston victory, 11-1, in the National League.

It was the Cubs' seventh straight defeat and boosted the Braves into third place ahead of fourth place Pittsburgh.

Bickford retired the first 16 men to face him. Tommy Holmes and catcher Phil Masi each made three hits for Boston.

Brilliant relief pitching by Willard Ramsdell and an early scoring drive enabled Brooklyn to edge Cincinnati 5-5. Ramsdell blanked the Reds on two hits over the last six innings after the Dodgers scored six runs in the first two innings and the Reds five in the third.

Cincinnati drove Ralph Branca off the mound in the third with two walks, a homer by right-fielder Augie Galan, a double by catcher Roy Lomax, a triple by Frank Baumholtz and a single by centre fielder Johnny Wyrostek.

THE SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE	R	H	E
Boston	11	13	1
Chicago	1	0	1
(Winning pitcher Vernon Bickford)			
Brooklyn	5	10	0
Cincinnati	5	10	2
(Winning pitcher Willard Ramsdell)			

LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League	W	L	P
New York	24	17	.585
St Louis	24	18	.570
Boston	22	19	.536
Pittsburgh	23	20	.534
Philadelphia	24	22	.521
Brooklyn	20	22	.470
Cincinnati	20	23	.464
Chicago	10	20	.340

DROBNY BEATS FRANK PARKER

Prague, June 8.—Jaroslav Drobný of Czechoslovakia defeated Frank Parker, the American tennis star in an exhibition match in Prague today by 6-3, 6-7, 3-6, 6-3 and 6-3.—Associated Press.

It will be a quietly confident Australian cricket team which will assemble at the famous Trent Bridge ground at Nottingham tomorrow for the first of the 1948 series of Test Matches with England.

With several resounding victories over good first class county sides to their credit, many of whom have been beaten by an innings and a lot of runs, coupled with a most convincing win by an innings and 158 runs against a strong MCC eleven a fortnight ago, the Australians have good grounds for confidence.

SEE TEE DISCUSSES PROSPECTS IN

THE FIRST TEST MATCH AT TRENT BRIDGE TOMORROW

With the possibility of including in their team, for the first Test Match of the season, batsmen of merit as far down as No. 8, and the reasonable chance that the Trent Bridge wicket may be as easy as it was for the South Africans a year ago, (the "Springboks" scored 376 for the loss of only three wickets in the first day's play at Nottingham), the Australians are hoping for an opportunity to make a lot of runs.

England's side holds considerable batting strength down to Yardley at No. 7; Washbrook, Hutton, Barnett, Edrich, Compton, Hardstaff and Yardley all are capable of making big scores when they are touching their best form. England's chief trouble is that few of her best batsmen have yet touched test match form.

Hutton and Washbrook seem to be warming to their usual game, but the complete failure of Edrich, Compton and Yardley in the MCC team, which lost so heavily to the Australians a fortnight ago, is a significant pointer to the fact that they, at least, have not had enough cricket recently.

The Australians, for their part, seem to be thriving on more and more cricket, and are in better trim than their opponents. Most of the Australians were playing cricket right through their season and on until mid-March; whereas, of England's chosen twelve, only Hardstaff Laker and Evans completed the West Indies tour. Hutton did not join the party until sent in answer to an urgent cable.

It will be interesting to see if this pays one dividend now and quite another in a couple of months: those who are on top of form now may grow "stale".

The Australians have many big victories to inspire confidence. They beat Worcestershire by an innings and 17 runs, Leicestershire by an innings and 171, Surrey by an innings and 206 and slaughtered Essex by an innings and 451 runs. Both Oxford and Cambridge Universities suffered similar fates and it was left to the cricket warriors of the north of England to be the first to give the Australians a jolt.

Yorkshire lost to the Australians by four wickets in early May, but at one period seemed to hold victory in their hands. They actually had six Australian second innings wickets down for only 31 runs at Bradford.

Nineteen-year-old N. Harvey, in company with wicket-keeper Tallon, took the score to 63 and saved the game. Harvey made the winning hit with a straight drive for six.

THE SPIN BOGEY

Further evidence that on a wicket which will take spin the Australians can be in serious trouble was shown more recently at Southampton and Manchester.

Kenneth Cranston, Lancashire's captain, sent the Australians to bat on a drying wicket at Old Trafford.

There were fireworks for both teams. Bradman twice lost his wicket very cheaply to a young spin bowler; Washbrook, England's No. 1 batsman, could make no more than 33 before Toshack ripped his pads. Hampshire's Knott and Bailey did almost as well last week.

Nevertheless, the Australian batsmen are all up-top players who seem to have their "eye in" permanently. Their batting averages—published in yesterday's "Telegraph"—show the quality of Bradman, Miller, Brown, Barnes, Hassett and company.

The England team is as follows. I give it in what I think may be the batting order should Yardley wins the toss and elect to bat first.

Washbrook (Lancs), Hutton (Yorks), Barnett (Gloucesters), Hardstaff (Notts), Yardley (Yorks), Captain, Bedser (Surrey), Young (Middlesex), Evans (Kent) and Wright (Kent).

On current form it is England's best possible eleven. It is that which most keen followers of the game would choose, although there may still be doubts in many minds about the inclusion of Yardley and the omission of Kenneth Cranston.

Most welcome is the selection of Charlie Barnett, Gloucestershire's classic attacking batsman. Barnett, on form, is one of the best bats in the game; one who could step into a breach should either Hutton or Washbrook (or both) lose their wicket cheaply.

If only Edrich and Compton can strike the form which linked their names as the "Middlesex twins" in the latter part of last season, the way may be cleared for the polished Hardstaff and the robust Yardley to carry England's total to a score comparable with Australia's best.

Much, however, depends upon a wicket. To my mind an easy Trent Bridge wicket means a drawn game with indecisive bowlers. There is no Harold Larwood, famous Nottingham bowler of fifteen years ago, to scorch the billiard-table-like Trent Bridge wicket.

Both England and Australia lack the services of a good fast bowler. Australia's fastest are Lindwall and Miller. England may have to rely solely on Bill Edrich as pace bowler.

THE KEY-MEN

Keith Miller for Australia and Bill Edrich for England seem to be the key-men of the match. Both are excellent bats and fine bowlers, while, in addition, Miller is also Australia's best man in the field.

Australian Team For First Test

London, June 8.—It was unofficially reported today that the Australian team to meet England in the first Test match starting at Nottingham on Thursday will be selected from the following 12 players:

S. Barnes, A. Morris, D. Bradman, A. L. Hassett, K. Miller, W. Brown, I. Johnston, R. Lindwall, D. Tallon, W. Johnston, E. Toshack and N. Harvey.

Barnes and the left-hander Morris are expected to open the innings, with Bradman first wicket down. The 12th man is expected to be either Brown or Harvey—most likely Harvey, the "baby" of the team, will be omitted.—Reuter.

changeable wicket promises advantage to England and much more interesting cricket altogether, with bowlers enjoying a pull over the bat. In the field and behind the stumps the Australians seem to be better served than England. Obviously there is more cohesion in their fielding, and Tallon, a great wicket-keeper indeed, may prove as big a menace to England as Don Bradman himself.

Fine weather and a fair wicket indicate a draw, with the balance favouring Australia. A difficult wicket may produce a great test of batmanship and fielding and an unpredictable result. The weather and the loss are almost as important as Don Bradman or Denis Compton in this first Test Match.

LIGHT APPEALS

A special instruction to umpires regarding appeals against the light should operate in this match. It provides for one appeal by either side on any day during an innings. After that the question is left with the umpires without further appeal.

The English Test Cricket team was selected by a committee whose chairman is A.J. Holmes, with J.C. Clay and R.W.V. Robins as members. It is customary for England's captain (for this first Test Match, Norman Yardley) to be co-opted on the selection committee. Australia's selection committee consists of Don Bradman, A.R. Morris and A.L. Hassett.

BOXING

DANISH MATCH CANCELLED

Copenhagen, June 8.—Denmark's Amateur Boxing Union has cancelled its scheduled match against Scotland in Copenhagen on June 18, the Union announced today. The contest presumably will be held next winter.

A Union spokesman gave financial difficulties as the main reason for the cancellation.—Associated Press.

FAMECHON TO FIGHT IN LONDON

London, June 8.—André Famechon of France has been signed to fight Tommy Barnham in an eight-round lightweight boxing match at London's Olympic Arena on July 6.—Associated Press.

PEER FORESEES A RUTHLESS DOCTRINAIRE MINORITY

Opposition To Lords Reform Bill

London, June 8.—The fear that a "ruthless doctrinaire minority" might gain power in Britain was expressed by Lord Salisbury, the Opposition leader in the House of Lords, as a reason why he moved today the rejection of the Government's Bill to curb the Lords' powers.

He maintained that the Bill, reducing the period in which the House of Lords could delay a House of Commons Bill from two years to one, would go far to establish a single Chamber Government and deprive the country of a vital constitutional safeguard of its liberties.

Lord Salisbury said that there was a section in the Labour Party which regarded the electorate as a ladder on which to climb to power.

Such people believed not in the rule of democracy but in the rule of the particular political clique to which they belonged.

"These particular members are in formidable groups—they are Single Chamber men. They want no check on their own autocratic power either from the people, the House of Lords, or anyone else."

FORMIDABLE THREAT
"This is a pretty formidable threat that is facing Britain—of a government by a ruthless doctrinaire minority."

"It was exactly the same tendency which led to the destruction of free institutions in Czechoslovakia and elsewhere."

"I do not say that extreme views of that kind are held by the Socialist Party. The vast majority are moderate, sensible men and if they had their way I am sure, this measure would never have been introduced."

"But it is not those who control the policy of the Government—it is the more extreme wing. If the Government took away the essential safeguards of the liberties of the British people, posterity would not forgive them."

"This Bill merely opens the way to the enemies within the gates to overthrow the free institutions of this country," he asserted.

Lord Salisbury was speaking on the second reading—when the Government asks for agreement in principle—of the Parliament Bill.

NATIONALISATION OF STEEL
This Bill would give the Government to nationalise the steel industry and pass it into law, despite the known opposition of the House of Lords, before the next general election, due in 1950.

Lord Salisbury said he could not understand why the Government, which expressed an attachment to democracy—he believed it was sincere—should be so unwilling to consult the people by means of an earlier general election.

"It is not a party matter," he added. "The rights and liberties of the British people are at stake."

The Opposition, he said, could not agree that a majority in the House of Commons should have a blank cheque to legislate irrespectively of what the British people might think.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, said earlier in the debate that the Opposition was apprehensive that there might arise in Britain a government of the extreme Right or the extreme Left.

"My attitude is that I should dislike both equally. But do you really think that the existing powers in the Parliament Act are any protection against such an event?"

"What a matchboard protection against the rising flood of discontent!" The Government would tolerate no obstruction from the House of Lords if it decided to nationalise the steel industry. Many Peers had expressed in no uncertain terms their dislike of this possibility, he added.

If prevention is better than cure, the Government had "ample ground" for saying that it would prevent such obstruction from taking place.

ALL PARTY CONFERENCE
Referring to the all-party conference, he said that he thought nine months was ample time for the House of Lords to consider a Bill. The Government could not accept the measure of control which the Opposition claimed.

He felt that they had a real opportunity at the Conference to settle the problem—"one of these opportunities which do not often recur in a lifetime."

"In fact, we achieved nothing, but we narrowly missed achieving everything."

Rejecting the idea that the Government ought to have a mandate from the electorate before curtailing the House of Lords' powers, Lord Jowitt said this Parliament had had to decide matters of first time—which could not have been referred to the electorate.

He disclosed that the present Parliament was likely to end on May 1, 1950.

LORD SAMUEL WITH GOVT.
"Backwoodsmen" peers who seldom attend debates turned up in force today and the Opposition's amendment for rejection was expected to be carried overwhelmingly when the vote is taken tomorrow at the end of a two-day debate.

Lord Samuel, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords, said the Conservatives had made a strategic mistake, in not adopting the nine-month delay.

He proposed to put forward an amendment containing the Government proposal.

He saw no reason why any section should vote against it. The alternative was a head-on collision with the House of Commons.

He would, he said, vote for the second reading.

After further discussion, the debate was adjourned until tomorrow when Lord Addison, the Lord Privy Seal, is expected to wind up the debate for the Government.

FOLLOW IN BENES' FOOTSTEPS
London, June 8.—The Czechoslovak Minister-in-Stockholm and two members of the Czech Embassy staff in Paris resigned today in protest against the resignation, some 24 hours ago, of Dr. Eduard Benes, as President of Czechoslovakia.

M. Edward Taborsky, Minister in Stockholm, gave up his post because of the "intolerable conditions which forced Dr. Benes to resign," a Reuters message from the Swedish capital said.

M. Václav Benes, a 38-year old Counsellor at the Czech Embassy in Paris and a nephew of Dr. Benes, and M. Karel Hanus, another member of the staff, had earlier resigned.

M. Václav Benes told Reuters: "The moment in which my uncle resigned was the last moment when every true Czechoslovak living abroad and having the possibility of a free choice of his own free-will will have to separate himself from the Prague regime."

In Prague today, M. Klement Gottwald, the Communist Czechoslovak Premier, called on President Benes in his country home at Sezimovo Ústí to inform him of the decision taken by the Government after the President's resignation yesterday.

After official business had been discussed, Dr. Benes remained in conversation with M. Gottwald for some time.—Reuters.

to allow his successor an equal amount of power.

"Without this assurance, the resistance groups would have risked too much."

Baron Von Welzsaecker said that the Munich Pact was regarded by members of the German resistance as the best alternative solution to the removal of Hitler.

He said that, although he had maintained liaison with resistance groups, he had not been a member of any.



U.S. To Trade With Russia

Policy Announced

Washington, June 8.—The United States today decided against the placing of a total embargo on the shipment of industrial goods to Russia and other Eastern countries and declared that it intended to carry on trade with that area on a strict "quid pro quo basis."

The policy was announced by Mr. Charles Sawyer, Secretary of Commerce, who told a press conference: "We do not intend to place an embargo on shipments to Eastern Europe. We benefit from their trade and we intend to maintain it on a quid pro quo basis."

Insisting that trade between Eastern Europe and the United States and the rest of the world was "essential to world recovery," Mr. Sawyer said there was no agreement or policy that would halt "the shipment of industrial goods to Eastern Europe in the future."

ERP PRIORITIES
On the other hand, he declined to say what type of goods would be permitted but asserted that the applications for export licences would be dealt with on an individual basis without any advance standards being laid down.

In theory, Mr. Sawyer added, there was no difference between what would be allowed to go to Eastern Europe and what would be permitted the Marshall Plan countries.

However, the fact that the latter received goods under the auspices of the European Economic Co-operation Administration would provide them with certain priority.

He admitted that licences had been issued for industrial goods for Russia in the past few weeks but declined to say what their subject was.

"We intend to maintain a flexible policy and each application will be decided on its merits," he said.—Reuters.

Freedom Of London For Duke

London, June 8.—Escorted by scarlet-uniformed Household Cavalry, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh drove in a semi-State landau through cheering crowds today to the court of St. James's Palace, where the Duke received the Freedom of the City of London.

He wore the Silver Star of the Order of the Garter on his naval uniform and the Princess a "steel-blue" New Look dress.

Making his first public speech before the Princess, he referred to their visit to France and said: "We are both convinced that the crowds who greeted us were expressing their friendship for our country."

"Those waves and cheers were the spontaneous expression of the goodwill felt by the people of France for the people of this country."

Afterwards they were entertained to lunch at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor, Sir Frederick Wells.—Reuters.

RICE AND CORN EXCHANGE PACT

Cairo, June 8.—Implementation of an agreement reached in Washington during the recent visit of Mahmoud Bey Zaki, Under-Secretary of State, has been undertaken in Alexandria whereby Egypt will supply the United States with a big quantity of surplus Egyptian rice.

In return Egypt will receive approximately \$9,000,000 plus 50,000 tons of corn.

It was understood today that the rice will be sent to Far East territories under occupation by United States armed forces as well as certain European countries.

Negation Of Civic Rights

People's Democracies Condemned

Vienna, June 8.—The International Socialist Congress here today adopted a resolution declaring the "People's Democracies" of Eastern Europe as "the negation of civic rights and the suppression of human freedom."

The resolution, moved by Dr. Adolf Schaerf, the Austrian Vice-Chancellor, declared: "In some lands there is still a Fascist regime or the inclination to re-establish one, while in others, under political and economic pressure from the Soviet Union, governments have come into existence under the name of people's democracies which in fact represent dictatorships."

"Politically, such governments mean the negation of civic rights and the suppression of human freedom. Economically they replace private capitalism by State capitalism."

The resolution continued: "The people's democracies deny, in practice, both democracy and socialism which they claim to represent."

INSEPARABLY TIED
"The International Socialist Conference in Vienna declares that socialism is inseparably tied to democracy and must extend political democracy into economic democracy."

"The parties at this Conference, therefore, bind themselves to fight together for the maintenance of political democracy and to enforce democratic principles in all organizations within their sphere of influence."

"To extend political democracy into economic democracy, the Socialist parties believe that legislation and public administration need thorough reform."

"Administration must be rid of all bureaucratic fetters."

"The Conference believes that the material security of the individual is one of the most inviolable rights of humanity and that the mental and political emancipation of the nations depends on their economic liberation."

"Democratic socialism connects the freedom of the individual with economic planning."

OTHER RESOLUTIONS
The Conference passed the following resolution on Spain and Greece: "The Socialist parties here represented engage themselves to request their governments to undertake immediately co-ordinated and effective action to abolish the last traces of Fascism in Europe."

"The Spanish people especially must be freed from the slavery imposed on them by the Franco regime."

"Similarly, the Greek people must be free to install a regime according to their own desires expressed at democratic elections held under international control while safeguarding their independence, security and territorial integrity."

The Conference decided to set up a committee of experts to study international and national problems of planned economy.—Reuters.

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